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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord of hosts, You have done great things for us, filling our hearts with gladness. You keep our eyes from tears, protect us from unseen dangers, supply us with wisdom, and direct our steps. Each breath we take is Your gift; each of our heartbeats is borrowed. Your benefits and blessings astound us, particularly Your willingness to save us.

Give our Senators today the assurance of Your presence. Inspire them with a calm faith, a steady peace, and a firm resolve to do Your will. Let no weapon formed against them prosper and let no force of evil that seeks to harm them prevail. Rather, may each lawmaker hear Your voice saying, "This is the way. Walk on this path."

We pray in Your all-powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today we are only going to be in morning business. There are no rollcall votes today, nor will there be on Monday. However, on Monday, Senators BOXER and INHOFE, the managers of the Water Resources legislation, will be here for Members to come to the floor and debate amendments.

It is my understanding that at least one Member on the majority side has

agreed to be here Monday to discuss his amendment.

Yesterday, Senator FEINGOLD discussed an amendment relating to Corps project prioritization. Senator FEINGOLD is willing to have that amendment voted on Tuesday morning after a brief period of debate. Therefore, Members should expect a rollcall vote or multiple votes prior to the 12:30 recess on Tuesday morning.

If we are unable to have the debates arranged so we have the votes on WRDA Tuesday morning, we will have a Federal district judge vote Tuesday morning. So we will have a vote Tuesday morning.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IRAQ

Mr. REID. Mr. President, last night, the House of Representatives passed a new Iraq supplemental. So now it is our turn. We have to take the next step to pass our version of the bill that will go to conference. The House has done their job. We now have to do our job.

We all know reaching consensus on a new bill to send to the President will not be easy. That is what the Republican leader and I were talking about right here.

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